

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:9-14)

Proposition: The Resurrection of Jesus is the indispensable foundation of the Christian faith. Therefore it is essential that every believer hold fast to the truth of this greatest of all events of human history. Here are three actions gleaned from our text that help us do just that.

I. Revisit the Expiration of His Life (Ch 15)

- A. Revisit the Torture of His Person (Ch. 15:24-25)
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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (16:9-14)

In one of the villages of Northern India a missionary was preaching in a bazaar. As he closed, a Muslim gentleman came up and said, "You must admit we have one thing you have not, and it is better than anything you have." The missionary smiled and said, "I should be pleased to hear what it is: The Muslim said, "You know when we go to Mecca we at least find a coffin. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, which is your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave." But the missionary just smiled and said, "That is just the difference. Mohammed is dead; Mohammed is in the coffin. And false systems of religion and philosophy are in their coffins, but Jesus Christ, whose kingdom is to include all nations and kindreds and tribes, is not here; He is risen. And all power in heaven and on earth is given unto Him. That is our hope." A living Christ! That is our hope. He is not dead, but alive forevermore.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a theological imperative w/o it we have no hope of the salvation that we so desperately need. We have no hope of ever experiencing life after the cold reality of physical death

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I. Revisit The Expiration of His Life

I want to take you back to chapter 15. The Chapter of Jesus crucifixion and notice w/me

some things concerning Jesus Death

A. Review the Torture of his Person
at Gethsemane Jesus bore the stress of agonies ahead. At Calvary he was lashed, a punishment that few condemned to crucifixion ever survive. At the Garien he was brutally beaten by possibly 100's of Guards, at Calvary nailed to a cross, John 19:34 speak

B. Review the Testimony of the Perpetrator
In 15:39 we see the testimony of the centurion that presided over the execution. His job was to make sure the governor's orders were carried out to the letter. His comment came in response to Jesus' exclamation, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Hanging lifeless on the cross. Chn Vs 44-45 This same centurion gave his

C. Review the Tendency to his Preparation
If there were any set of people that wanted Jesus to be alive it would have been the people that cared for his body. In the hours of preparation before his burial these faithful loving followers tended to his body. Don't you think they would have

II. Review the Resurrection from His Death
Warren Wiersbe - The Resurrection is an essential part of the gospel message and a key doctrine in the Christian Faith.

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2) ...a spear thrust into his side bringing fourth blood mixed with water. It was a fact that this man was dead.

3) ...gave his report to Pilate: Dead. Pilot marveled that he was already dead because crucifixion took days to finally kill a person. And when asked by Pilate the condition of Jesus, this centurion that no doubt was under the same threat of death as the roman guard in the Philippian Jail relayed to him that Jesus was dead. These were not followers of Jesus, but the enemies of Jesus giving this report.

4) ...would have noticed the slightest movement of his chest as he drew a breath. Don't you think they would have noticed the slightest pulse or any indication of the presence of his life in those moments of preparation. Yes. But Jesus was dead not swooned.

1) ...say it doesn't matter. But Paul said in: 1 Corinthians 15:17
"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your
sins." Yes it does matter. Mans eternal hope hinges on the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

2) Romans 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power,
according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the
dead: - It is the very stamp of God's approval on who Jesus really
was.

3) Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,
All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

manly struggle it off and say it doesn't matter!
A. It Affirms his Person - The angel
said "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth." This
resurrection truth has everything to
do with who this person Jesus of
Nazareth truly is, carpenter's son,
teacher, prophet, miracle worker, or
is he God of Very God, the co-equal w/ the
father Son of God Rom 1:4 says that (2)

B. It Authenticates his Proclamations
In this one event, the resurrection,
Jesus himself turns every statement
that he made concerning life, death,
heaven, hell, good, evil, God, Satan
Past, present and future events that
man would place a question mark around
and places an exclamation mark!

C. It Attests to his Power - He had
the power to lay his life down and
take it up again. All through his
ministry he could have been compared
to other prophets of God, Moses, Eliza
Elisha, but all comparisons stop
at the door of the empty tomb. Jesus
rightly said in Matthew 28:18 (3)

III Refuse the Hesitation of Our Belief
Now the persuader and pull of
this world is to question and doubt the
resurrection of Jesus Christ. To be

caught up. ~~unbelievers~~. But the power of the

A. The Friend who was Loveless - Mary Magdalene was one who loved Jesus deeply. Not as Hollywood Blasphemously suppresses. But love out of a heart of Gratitude to Jesus. In the midst of her broken heart, Jesus appeared to her. Aline! And mended her love for him. Have the heartbreaks of life cooled your love for Jesus.

B. The Family that was hopeless - These were the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. I believe these were husband and wife, why else would Jesus be invited to their house. These two were hopeless as they trudged home. Everything they had believed had seemingly ~~gone to naught~~. But Jesus came revealed himself! Restored their hope. Has it ~~seems~~

C. The Followers that were faithless. These disciples that had so earnestly believed and trusted Jesus, now were disillusioned, dismayed and doubting. Even when others come in trumpeting their encounters, we are still ~~unbelieving~~. Thank God he comes to the faithless. He may come w/ upbraiding.

IV Close -

1) ...of the resurrection of Jesus Christ can remedy out unbelief as he did in people of our text.

2) ...has it seemed to you that your hope has vanished. That things haven't turned out as you have planned. There is a resurrected Lord that can come to where you are and renew your hope!

3) ...upbraiding words for the hardness of our hearts yet he still comes. That is the power of the resurrection in the life of the child of God. It re-ignites our love, renews our hope, and restores our faith.

4) How do I know that Christ has risen? / What proof have I to give? / He touched my life one blessed day, / And I began to live. / How do I know he left the tomb / That morning long ago? / I met Him just this morning, / And my heart is still aglow. / How do I know that endless life / He gained for me that day? / His life within is proof enough / Of immortality. How do I know that Christ still lives, / Rich blessings to impart? / He walks with me along the way / And lives within my heart.